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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1165

H. P. 968

House of Representatives, March 23, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fenlason of Danforth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to the Spending Ceiling for Education Purposes.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, without legislation, effective July 1, 1977, which amends the School Finance Act of 1976, a ceiling on education expenditures will be re-imposed on all local education units; and

Whereas, some school units may not be able to provide sufficient funds for local education programs without spending above the present limits; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1.** 20 MRSA § 3749, sub-§ 3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 746, § 24-V, is amended to read:

3. **Effective date.** Subsection 1 shall be in effect from July 1, 1976, until June 30, ~~1977~~ 1978.

**Sec. 2.** PL 1975, c. 660, last ¶, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1975, c. 147, Part C, section 27, is amended to read:

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976, except sections 3 and 5 and section 3750 of Title 20 of section 2 of this Act which shall become effective when ap-

proved and except section 3748, subsection 4, last paragraph of section 2 of this Act which shall become effective July 1, ~~1977~~ 1978. Sections 6 to 10 of this Act shall take effect when approved.

**Emergency caluse.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to delay the reimposition of the spending ceiling from July 1, 1977, to July 1, 1978.